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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

The disclosure on pages 3 to 5 has been amended in order to delete the recitation of "t-butyl" in the description of the mixture of organoalkoxysiloxanes of the invention. However, as to the definition of R' as including hydrogen as a component, the Examiner is requested to note that page 5, line 4 of the application as originally filed specifies hydrogen as an optional R' component. This language has been retained consistently in the amendments made to page 5 of the text. Moreover, the claims contain no recitation of R' possibly being hydrogen.

Finally, as to the matter of the presence of OH in the formulas of the organoalkoxysiloxane material of the invention, this radical has now been deleted from the formulas in the specification and claims. In view of this deletion, the definitions of subscripts x and x' have also been deleted. Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The objections to Claims 4 and 20 are believed obviated by the amendments made to each of the claims. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112, 1st Paragraph

Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the comments above under the heading of the amendments to the specification. The amendments are believed sufficient to obviate the objections raised.

Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112, 2nd Paragraph

The amendments made to Claims 19 and 20 are believed sufficient to obviate the issue that has been raised with respect to the identifier "(i)." Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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